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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SHEET METAL PLATE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE BODY COMPONENTS,  
AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SAID SHEET METAL PLATE**

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto;

OR

☒ was filed on April 10, 2006 as United States Application Number or PCT International  
10/575,669 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with:

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